

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A variable gain amplification circuit comprising:

a ~~gain-variable gain-variable~~ signal generator ~~having an output load part~~ comprising a variable resistor and an output terminal, said variable resistor comprising a plurality of selectable resistors, wherein a resistance value of said variable resistor is controlled by controlling a first switching unit so as to select ~~a at least one~~ resistor of said plurality of selectable resistors;

a variable capacitor connected between said output terminal and an AC grounded terminal, said variable capacitor comprising a plurality of selectable capacitors, wherein a capacitance value of said variable capacitor is controlled by controlling a second switching unit so as to select ~~a at least one~~ capacitor of said plurality of selectable capacitors; and

a control circuit operable to control said first switching unit and said second switching unit so as to control the capacitance value of said variable capacitor and the resistance value of said variable resistor,

wherein said control circuit controls the capacitance value of said variable capacitor ~~and the resistance value of said variable resistor~~ by controlling on/off action of said first switching unit ~~and said second switching unit, and~~ according to the resistance value of said variable resistor.

~~wherein the capacitance value of said variable capacitor is controlled according to a gain setting of said gain-variable signal generator at a time of the gain setting of said gain-variable signal generator.~~

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A variable gain amplification circuit as defined in Claim 1, wherein said ~~gain-variable gain-variable~~ signal generator comprises:

a variable gain mixer having a first input terminal and a second input terminal;
an RF signal source connected to said first input terminal of said variable gain mixer; and
an LO signal source connected to said second input terminal of said variable gain mixer.

5. (Currently Amended) A variable gain amplification circuit as defined in Claim 1, wherein said ~~gain-variable gain-variable~~ signal generator comprises:

a variable gain amplifier having a first input terminal; and
an RF signal source connected to the first input terminal of the variable gain amplifier.

6-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A variable gain amplification circuit comprising:
a ~~gain-variable gain-variable~~ signal generator having an output load part comprising a variable resistor and an output terminal, said variable resistor comprising a plurality of selectable resistors, wherein a resistance value of said variable resistor is controlled by controlling a first switching unit so as to select ~~a at least one~~ resistor of said plurality of selectable resistors;

a variable capacitor connected between said output terminal and an AC grounded terminal, said variable capacitor comprising a plurality of selectable capacitors, wherein a capacitance value of said variable capacitor is controlled by controlling a second switching unit so as to select ~~a at least one~~ capacitor of said plurality of selectable capacitors; and

a control means for controlling the capacitance value of said variable capacitor and the resistance value of said variable resistor by controlling said first switching unit and said second switching unit,

wherein the capacitance value of said variable capacitor is controlled according to ~~a gain setting of said gain-variable signal generator at a time of the gain setting of said gain-variable signal generator~~ the resistance value of said variable resistor.

17-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A variable gain amplification circuit as defined in Claim 16, wherein said ~~gain-variable gain-variable~~ gain-variable signal generator comprises:

a variable gain mixer having a first input terminal and a second input terminal;
an RF signal source connected to said first input terminal of said variable gain mixer; and
an LO signal source connected to said second input terminal of said variable gain mixer.

20. (Currently Amended) A variable gain amplification circuit as defined in Claim 16, wherein said ~~gain-variable gain-variable~~ gain-variable signal generator comprises:

a variable gain amplifier having a first input terminal; and
an RF signal source connected to the first input terminal of the variable gain amplifier.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) A variable gain amplification circuit as defined in Claim 1,

wherein said variable capacitor includes a circuit comprising at least two capacitors placed in parallel, and

wherein said second switching unit includes at least one switch connected to an end of one of said at least two capacitors.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) A variable gain amplification circuit as defined in Claim 1, wherein said variable resistor includes a circuit comprising at least two resistors placed in parallel, and

wherein said first switching unit includes at least one switch connected to an end of one of said at least two resistors.

25-26. (Canceled)